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1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GENERAL ELECTRIC AND BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LIMITED (BHEL) ON A TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR 500 MW TURBINES CURRENTLY ARE SNAGGED ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER GENERAL ELECTRIC WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TURBINE TECHNOLOGY FOR A NUCLEAR POWER STATION. THIS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE TECHNOLOGY WHICH THE COMPANY WOULD PROVIDE FOR A THERMAL POWER STATIONS. ACCORDING TO BHEL OFFICIALS OUR EXPORT CONTROL POLICY MIGHT PROHIBIT GE FROM SUPPLYING TURBINE TECHNOLOGY UNIQUELY APPLICABLE FOR NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS WHEREAS GE'S COMPETITORS, SIEMENS AND BROWN BOVERI, OPERATE UNDER NO SUCH RESTRICTIONS. IN THIS REGARD GE HAS PROVIDED BHEL WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AS PART OF ITS OFFER:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE LICENSING OF SUCH PRODUCTS (I.E., STEAM TURBINE-GENERATOR) IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NUCLEAR STEAM

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ADMINISTRATION BULLETIN 143. AT THE TIME OF AGREEMENT TO SUCH ADDITION TO LICENSED PRODUCTS, GENERAL ELECTRIC WOULD SEEK NECESSARY GOVERNMENT APPROVALS. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, SIMILAR REGULATIONS ARE IN EFFECT OR BEING FORMULATED BY MOST COUNTRIES ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION EQUIPMENT. AFTER REVIEW OF THE APPLICABILITY OF SUCH REGULATION ON THE PROPOSED LICENSE, WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD NOT HINDER IMPLEMENTATION AS OUTLINED ON OUR PROPOSAL. END QUOTE.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GE IF WE COULD PROVIDE BHEL WITH A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT ON WHETHER THIS TYPE OF TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE LICENSED. IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM TO BHEL THAT SIMILAR EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS ARE IN EFFECT IN SWITZERLAND AND WEST GERMANY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LANGUAGE YOU CAN PROVIDE US TO PASS ON TO BHEL.
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